

ITP Straw Proposal #6 v.2 (11/1/13)

Draft Recommendation: Authorize DWR to Require Electronic Filing of UWMPs Including Standardized Forms

Potential amendments to section 10644(a) of the Water Code to require electronic filing of Urban Water Management Plans including standardized forms or tables to the Department of Water Resources, among others, in order to facilitate efficient reviews and public access.

Original proposal (DWR's substantive review and electronic filing) discussed at Oct 15, 2013 ITP meeting. Results of straw poll:

- 1) *Agreement to add language authorizing DWR to require standardized electronic forms.*
- 2) *No agreement on authorizing DWR to review UWMPs for accuracy.*

Action items:

- 1) *Discuss modified language re: standardized forms at Nov 5, 2013 ITP meeting.*
- 2) *ITP members to work on revised draft proposal re: DWR review.*

The Independent Technical Panel on Demand Management Measures (ITP) recommends that the Legislature revise the Urban Water Management Planning Act to authorize the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to require electronic submission of Urban Water Management Plans (UWMPs) including standardized forms, tables, or displays, in order to enable easier review of the plans by DWR and easier access by the public. Clarification of the department's authority to specify forms and tables for reporting key parameters would allow for the tabulation and analysis of plans with less time and expense.

Section 10608.52 of the Water Code regarding standardized data collection directs DWR to develop a standardized water use reporting form as a way to determine and report on progress towards meeting water conservation targets specified by SB X7-7. Section 10608.40 of the Water Code requires urban water retail suppliers to use this standardized form to report on their progress in meeting their urban water use targets, as part of their UWMP submittals.

The intent of this recommendation is to provide a technical amendment to existing statutory language regarding submittal of UWMPs, in order to facilitate consistent and efficient reporting by urban water retail suppliers.

Suggested statutory language: *Add the following language shown in underlined and italicized text to Section 10644(a) of the Water Code:*

10644. (a) An urban water supplier shall submit to the department, the California State Library, and any city or county within which the supplier provides water supplies an *electronic* copy of its plan, *including any standardized forms, tables, or displays specified by the department*, no later than 30 days after adoption. *Electronic* Copies of amendments or changes to the plans shall be submitted to the department, the California State Library, and any city or county within which the supplier provides water supplies within 30 days after adoption.